Governments and others for early finalisation of it.

Assessment of iuvestmeat made in Food Processi?ig- Sector

182. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA; Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

heftier Government have made any assessment in regard to investment made in food processing sector to promote food processing industries in Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details , thereof; and

(e) what are the industries which are being established to promote food processing industries through investment and what are the details oi the effort,:; being made in this regard? j !.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PRO CESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TA RUN GOGOI): (a) to (c) As per available information 189 Industrial Entrepreneurs Memoranda involving an investment about Rs. 2805 Crores have been filed upto May 1994 for setting up Food P-oc'essing units in the state of Gu-jf,rat. In addition approvals for Joint Vcn:ure_ Foreign Collaboration, setting up of H.uUs etc. have been granted involving an investment of about Rs. 78 Crores. The industries proposed to be sot up include Grain Processing, Fruit and Vegetables Processing, Fish Processing. Consumer Industries and Milk and Dairy Pro duels.

Pppsi Food Ltd. alliance with US firm

183. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI. Will the Minister of FOOD PROCES-SING INDUSTRIES fcp r-leased ta state-

(a) whether Government have-cVsred any proposal, of Pepsi Food* Limited for foreign alliance with an US firm to market branded fruit juice in the US, Netherlands and UK;

(b) if so^ what arc the details thereof; and'

(c) what benefits are likely to ac cure lo the country including the re patriation cf foreign exchange earn ed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIE'S (SHRI TARUN GOGOI); (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Stepping up various exports

184. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased t& state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee on Agriculture has pulled up the Food Ministry for its failures;

(b) if so, whether it has been sug gested that Processing Industries should be merged eiher with Indus try or Agriculture Ministries;

(c) whether the suggestions made in the report have been considered by Government;

(d) if so, whether the Ministry is steppping up various exports extend ing necessary facilities to the rural areas by setting up various centres and providing jobs to rural popula tion; and

(e) if so, to wha» extent these schemes would be implemented dur ing 1994?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) The Standing 1 Committee on Agriculture had made certain observation; regarding the Ministry.